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BOARD OF EMS MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2005  
9:30 AM  
MAINE EMS CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

Board Members: Steve Leach (chair), Wayne Werts (chair-elect), John Alexander, Bob Ashby, Oden Cassidy, Peter DiPietrantonio, Richard Doughty, Bill Dunwoody, Kevin Kendall, Paul Knowlton, Penelope Kneeland, Steve Diaz (ex-officio)

Regional Coordinators: Donnie Carroll, Joanne LeBrun, Rick Petrie

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Dawn Kinney, Drexell White, Laura Yustak Smith, AAG

1. Introduction of Guests. Shawn Metayer, Kim McGraw, Lori Metayer, Norm Dinerman, Dennis Small, Tom Judge (LifeFlight of Maine)

2. Approval of February 2, 2005, meeting minutes.

**MOTION: To approved the minutes of the February 2, 2005, meeting as corrected (typo). (Kendall; second by Kneeland) Unanimous.**

3. Old Business

a. EMS Assessment Report.

i. State Training has been unable to provide information regarding approved facilitators, so Jay has been working directly with potential contractors for these services for two of the work groups.

4. New Business

a. Legislative/Budget Update

Jay distributed copies of the updated summary of bills that MEMS is following..

i. Several hearings have been conducted on the FY06/07 biennial budget. Governor's recommendation is for flat funding (based upon FY05).

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- ii. Rep. Richard Sykes (R-Harrison) has sponsored a bill to limit the ability to conduct background checks to initial applications only. Bill has not been printed, but is expected shortly.
- b. Operations Team Action Items.
  - i. There are no action items at this time.
- c. Education Committee Action Items
  - i. There are no Education Committee action items at this time.
- d. Trauma Advisory Committee nomination
  - i. Stacey Doten, RN, Calais Regional Hospital has requested to be appointed to the TAC representing small hospital administrators (replacing Jill Berry-Bowen).

**MOTION: To approve the appointment of Stacey Doten to the Trauma Advisory Committee (Doughty; second by Kendall) Unanimous.**

- e. LifeFlight of Maine: IFR Operations
  - i. Tom Judge presented information on the new helicopters that LifeFlight and their request to conduct helicopter EMS operations using Single Pilot Instrument Flight Rules for scene-to-hospital and inter-facility transfers.

**MOTION: To approve LifeFlight of Maine for inflight IFR operations. (Dunwoody; second by Alexander) Unanimous.**

- f. Laura Yustak Smith made a presentation on the Maine Court System and the different classifications of criminal offenses/convictions.
- g. Other
  - i. Bill Dunwoody reported on the impact upon EMS services for the State DHHS delay in providing MaineCare payments. Bill noted that several services, especially ones in smaller communities, are in a very precarious position as a result of these delays. Penelope Kneeland also referenced the impact upon Maine hospitals.

**MOTION: That Maine EMS communication with the Governor's office about the effect of MaineCare payment delays on Maine services. (Kneeland; second by Kendall). Unanimous.**

- 5. Staff Update
  - a. MEMS – covered in earlier agenda items.

- b. MDPB – Dr. Diaz reported the following:
  - i. Effective date of the revised protocols will be May 23, 2005. This extended date was taken at the request of several EMS regions on behalf of services needing more time to make the necessary changes and provide training.
  - ii. Airway Update Training Module – the work has been completed on a comprehensive update on airway management. For ALS providers, this will include the use of LMA & Combitubes. Train-the-trainer programs will be conducted beginning on March 16 in lieu of a regular MDPB business meeting..
  - iii. Paramedic Interfacility Transport (PIFT) – the MDPB has completed its work on the revised PIFT program and has sent it the Education Committee for development.
  - iv. Next regular business meeting of the MDPB will be April 20, 2005.

6. Other

- a. Next meeting date: April 6, 2005

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.